

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY/ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

MEETING THE HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS OF SENIORS ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 705, to establish the Interagency Council on Meeting the Housing and Service Needs of Seniors, after receiving testimony from Alphonso R. Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; David G. Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Nelda Barnett, AARP, and William T. Smith, American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, both of Washington, D.C.; Dana Jo Olson, Volunteers of America, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Stephen Proctor, Presbyterian Homes, Inc., Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Non Profit Housing Association; Terry Allton, National Church Residences, Columbus, Ohio; and Steve Protulis, Elderly Housing Development and Operations Corporation, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

IDENTITY THEFT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal legislative solutions to data breaches and identity theft, focusing on ensuring the safety and security of consumers' personal information, after receiving testimony from Senators Feinstein and Schumer; Representative Hooley; Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, Orson Swindle, Thomas B. Leary, Pamela Jones Harbour, and Jon Leibowitz, all Commissioners, all of the Federal Trade Commission; and Vermont Attorney General William H. Sorrell, Montpelier, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William Alan Jeffrey, of Virginia, to

be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, who was introduced by Senator Allen, and Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, Ashok G. Kaveeshwar, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation, and Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Transportation Security Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, Energy Policy Tax Incentives Act of 2005.

U.S. STABILIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States stabilization and reconstruction efforts to prevent or prepare for certain post-conflict situations, after receiving testimony from Carlos Pascual, Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, Department of State; Ryan Henry, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and Lieutenant General Walter Sharp, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense; and James R. Kunder, Assistant Administrator for Asia and the Near East, United States Agency for International Development.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held a hearing to examine tax delinquency problems with Federal contractors, focusing on civilian agency contractors involved in abusive and potentially criminal activity related to the Federal tax system, receiving testimony from Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Steven J. Sebastian, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, and John J. Ryan, Assistant Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, all of the Government Accountability Office; and Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Richard L. Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Service, both of the Department of the Treasury.

Hearing recessed subject to call.

INDIAN EDUCATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held an oversight hearing to examine Indian education issues, focusing on Bureau of Indian Affairs education programs, program performance and professional development, teacher recruitment efforts, fiscal and financial management, and safe and secure schools, receiving testimony from James E. Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary, Ed Parisian, Acting Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, and Dominic Lowery, Acting Chair, National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education, all of the Department of the Interior; Victoria Vasques, Assistant Deputy Secretary of Education and Director, Office of Indian Education; David Beaulieu, National Indian Education Association, Washington, D.C.; Joe McDonald, Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, Montana, on behalf of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium; Roger Bordeaux, Tiospa Zina Tribal School, Sisseton, South Dakota, on behalf of the Association of Community Tribal Schools, Inc.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 491, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the definition of firefighter to include apprentices and trainees, regardless of age or duty limitations, and

The nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Rachel Brand, of Iowa, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy, and Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, both of the Department of Justice.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Janice B. Gardner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 2930–2956; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55; H. Con. Res. 179–180; and H. Res. 324–327 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 394, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, amended (H. Rept. 109–135);

H.R. 2123, to reauthorize the Head Start Act to improve the school readiness of disadvantaged children, amended (H. Rept. 109–136);

H.R. 1412, to amend the Ports and Waterways Safety Act to require notification of the Coast Guard regarding obstructions to navigation, amended (H. Rept. 109–137); and

H.R. 280, to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields (H. Rept. 109–138).

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Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2006—Rule for Consideration: H. Res. 315, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 269.

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Science, State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006: The House passed H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 268. The bill was also considered on June 14 and June 15.

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Agreed on June 14, to limit further amendments made in order for debate and the time limit for debate on such amendments.

Agreed to:

Markey amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of laws enacted or regulations promulgated to implement the UN Contravention